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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

A listing of the Claims and their status begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	19	- 20* =	0	x	0.00
Independent	3	- 3** =	0	x	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					0.00

*not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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